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PROPERTIES OF VARIOUS FORMS

SOPHOROLIPIDS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner of Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated 28 August 2007 from Examiner Roy P. Issac of Art Unit 1623.

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STATUS

Claims 1-54 are pending.

Claims 13-27 and 32-50 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-12 and 28-31 have been rejected under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1-12 and 38-31 have been provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory double patenting over claims 1-6 and 9 of co-pending Application No. 11/020,683.

Claims 1-12 and 28-31 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by an article by Bisht et al. (the Bisht reference).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE

1. No Extension of Time or Fee is necessary.

This response is being filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period of date stamped on the Office Action, and no extension of time fees are due.

2. No Excess Claims Fee is necessary.

The fee for fifty-four (54) total claims and ten (10) independent claims already has been filed. This Response results in fifty-one (51) total claims and ten (10) independent claims, including the withdrawn claims, and no excess claims fee is due.

CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

A separate Change of Correspondence Address is submitted herewith.